

**MANUFACTURER HELD
ON "SLAVE" CHARGE**

Julius Heilner, President of
Princess Corset Company,
Arrested in Office.

CHICAGO GIRL IN THE CASE

Julius Heilner, president of the Princess Corset Company of 6 West Eighteenth Street, was arrested at his office late yesterday afternoon on an extradition warrant from Chicago charging him with violating the Mann white slave act. Heilner is accused of inducing Florence Giddens, a seventeen-year-old shopgirl of Chicago, to accompany him from that city to St. Louis.

Although a young man Heilner is considered to be a very successful manufacturer. He is married, has one child and lives at 410 West 134th Street. The charge against him was made by the mother of Florence Giddens.

The defendant was arraigned before United States Commissioner Clarence S. Houghton. The extradition hearing of Assistant United States Attorney Edwin M. Stanton was held in 2109 Hall for a hearing on November 12.

The charge against Heilner dates back to last June, when he was out of business in Chicago. In the factory of one of his customers in Chicago he met Florence Giddens. It is alleged that Heilner, having several days to pass in the city, cultivated the girl's acquaintance. About that time, it is alleged, Florence Giddens quarreled with her parents and fancying herself injured made arrangements to run away with Heilner.

Before leaving home, it is alleged, Florence told her parents that she was going to spend a day or two with a woman friend living near Chicago. In the city, however, it is alleged, a young man who had been paying her attention called up the woman and learned that the girl was not there. He told her parents and while they were searching for Florence she returned to her home.

Agents Seely and Adams of the Department of Justice went to the offices of the Princess Corset Company yesterday afternoon, while Heilner was closed in his private office with several customers. Fearing that their man might attempt to get away by a back door if he knew who his visitors were, Adams told the men's secretary that he was a buyer who wanted to look at some goods.

A moment later Heilner came hurrying out of his office. He showed no surprise when the agents told him the nature of their business. He said he was ready to go with the agents at any time.

Mrs. Heilner said last night that she had not heard of her husband's arrest. He was positive that a mistake had been made. She said her husband had called up during the afternoon to ask after their little boy, but had mentioned nothing about his arrest.

From a friend of Heilner's it was learned that a charge of conspiracy to blackmail will be made against a man and a woman, both living in Chicago.

ROOT DOESN'T FIGHT DIVORCE.

No Opposition to Suit of Countess of Clara Ward, Former Princess.

Supreme Court Justice Giegerich reserved decision yesterday in a suit by Mrs. Clara Ward Root, daughter of the late David Ward, a wealthy lumber merchant and a cousin of the notorious Clara Ward, formerly the Princess of Chinatown, for a divorce from George Kent Root, a stock broker. Witnesses testified that Root and Miss Anna K. Connell, also known as Lucille Root, lived together for two years in the Wellesley apartments, 440 West End Avenue.

Mrs. Root, who now lives at 2 East Forty-fifth Street, testified that she married the defendant in Detroit in 1888. She inherited a large fortune in her father's estate, which was sufficient to pay Root \$6,000 a year in commissions as one of the trustees. Root last saw his wife in 1912, when their daughter, now 23 years old, married an army officer who is now stationed in the Philippines.

Root, in recent court proceedings, testified that the occupants of the Wellesley apartment other than a housekeeper, were himself and "Anna Connell, also known as Mrs. Kent." He said that Miss Connell, whom he also described as Lucille C. Root, had been paying the expenses of the household. He offered no defense in the divorce suit. One of the witnesses against him was the housekeeper.

SORRY SHE DIDN'T "SMASH" HIM.

George L. Lancon, Broker, So Wrote to Wife, Who Is Suing.

A suit for divorce against George L. Lancon, a former member of the New York Stock Exchange, and his wife, who is suing him, was disclosed yesterday when the Appellate Division directed Mr. Lancon to pay \$25 a week alimony and \$150 counsel fee pending the suit brought by Mrs. Charlotte Lancon.

Mrs. Lancon says she was compelled to leave her husband in March, 1913, because he abused her. She names Mrs. Jean Bretz as a friend. She and her daughter, Georgette, are now living at 303 West Ninety-eighth Street with her parents, who are wealthy. Replying to charges of leaving her husband unjustly Mrs. Lancon says her husband wrote to her on June 30, 1913, as follows:

"God, to think I was the cause of your unhappiness; that I, having one woman in a million, a good woman, should have said the things I did. It would have been better if I said these awful things you had smashed my head with a vase and killed me."

GRACE LA RUE'S ALIMONY OUT.

Husband Pleads That He Lost Fortune Backing Actress.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court accepted yesterday the statement by Byron Chandler that he was unable to pay \$50 a week alimony and \$500 counsel fee ordered by Supreme Court Justice Weeks pending the suit of Grace La Rue Chandler, the actress, for a separation. The court ordered the alimony to \$25 a week and the counsel fee to \$250.

Chandler contended that while he was worth more than \$100,000 when he married the actress he lost \$70,000 backing two theatrical productions in which she starred and now has property worth less than \$10,000. It would have been supported by his mother and that his wife was able to earn at least \$500 a week.

JOHN G. BRITT OPERATED UPON.

President of Election Board in Serious Condition From Appendicitis.

John Gabriel Britt, president of the Board of Elections, who was operated on in Miss Alston's private sanatorium at 26 West Sixty-first Street on Thursday for appendicitis, was reported last night to be in a serious condition. The surgeon who performed the operation are hoping for an improvement, but they fear the operation was too long delayed.

Mr. Britt was in his office in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, but went home because he was feeling ill. On Thursday morning he grew worse and his physician advised an immediate operation.

Dr. D. A. McLaughlin and J. J. Donovan were called into consultation and confirmed the diagnosis. Mr. Britt was removed from his home at 453 East Fifty-seventh Street to Miss Alston's sanatorium and the operation was begun at 3 P. M.

**WARFIELD HELD FOR SELLING
T. R.'S BOOKS FOR \$10,000 CASH**

Released on Federal Indictment He Is Arrested on
Woman's Charge of De Luxe Swindle Amounting to More Than \$30,000.

Judge Rufus E. Porter, who is presiding in the United States District Court at the trial of the de luxe book dealers charged with using the mails to defraud, yesterday dismissed the indictments against Samuel Warfield and George Fisher. Warfield's freedom was short lived, however, for he stepped out of the court room into the arms of Detective Griffin of the District Attorney's office. He was taken up to General Sessions and held in \$5,000 bail by Judge Rosalaky on a charge of larceny growing out of his book transactions.

The complaint against Warfield is Mrs. Burnett M. Crombie of 19 West Thirty-first Street, who says she invested \$31,875 in the editions de luxe put out by the Kellar-Farmer Company, the predecessor of the Anglo-American Authors Association, in the belief that she could soon dispose of the same books at much higher prices.

For this transaction, in which the name of Charles W. Morse and a "millionaire book lover on the Pacific coast" were used, Warfield, Sam Rosenfeld, W. H. Scott and Romeo Nathan were indicted by the New York County Grand Jury. Since then Rosenfeld has been convicted in Boston with Glenn Farmer, W. H. Scott has been put in an asylum and Romeo Nathan pleaded guilty at the trial in the Federal court.

Mrs. Crombie is now in Europe. Her complaint goes back to 1909, at the time of the trial of Charles W. Morse. Rosenfeld, she says, called on her and told her in confidential whispers that Morse was so in need of money for his defense that he was willing to part with some of the rare volumes in his library for a song. He knew, he is alleged to have said, of a man on the Pacific coast who would pay a large sum for those very books. He is alleged to have said that he, Rosenfeld, had seized the opportunity and had offered Morse \$48,000 for the library and had succeeded in raising all but \$19,785. Mrs. Crombie says she gave him a check for the \$19,785.

Then, it is alleged, a "Mr. Thomas" appeared on the scene. This man, Mrs. Crombie says, was Warfield. He, it is said, was introduced by Rosenfeld as an expert, and after looking over the books purporting to have come from the Morse library expressed surprise that they did not include a set of Roosevelt. Having told Mrs. Crombie that he knew where he could get her such a set for \$10,000, he is said to have hustled Scott along with the Colonel's works, which were paid for by Mrs. Crombie in cash. She made other purchases and gave notes.

When Mrs. Crombie refused to meet the notes held against her by the Kellar-Farmer Company, a suit was filed against her. She set up a counter claim and was awarded judgment of \$1,000.

The trial in the United States District Court will go on Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

**\$1,609,276 FIRE ALARM
MONEY MOSTLY WASTED**

System as Far From Real Beginning as Four Years Ago, Says Adamson.

A large part of the \$1,609,276 appropriated by the city for a new fire alarm telegraph plant in various years since 1903 has been used for other purposes in the department, according to statements made by Fire Commissioner Adamson to Mayor Mitchell and the Merchants Association. The association has been trying for a long time to find out where the money went, and Mr. Adamson has provided the information. The association has asked the Mayor to order an investigation by the Commissioner of Accounts.

In his letter to the Mayor W. A. Marble, president of the association, says: "Despite the expenditure of a sum sufficiently large to pay about one-half the total cost of a new fire alarm system the construction resulting from such expenditures is applicable in but very small degree to the purpose intended, and therefore the fire alarm system as it exists to-day is not substantially better than at the beginning of the improvements, so that in a practical sense the outlays thus far made have been in a very great degree wasted."

Nearly half of the money, according to Mr. Adamson, has gone to pay salaries, to buy automobiles, and \$63,212.56 of it was even diverted to buy fire extinguishing apparatus. Of the work done under the appropriations that amounting to \$489,950 may be incorporated in the new system when it is built, but Mr. Adamson finds that it consists of isolated pieces of construction, the linking of which would make the final cost wasteful. He goes on: "The manner in which this money has been expended shows an entire lack of any broad, comprehensive planning for the new fire alarm system. The result is that the city is almost as far from a real beginning of the construction of a new system as it was four years ago. This experience shows the futility of attacking a big problem such as this in piecemeal fashion."

MAID AFIRE SHOCKS GUESTS.

Runs Into Card Room and Mistress Rolls Her in Blanket.

As Mrs. Isaac Mendelson was entertaining a party of friends at bridge whist at her home on the eighth floor of the Briarcliff apartments, 527 Cathedral Parkway, last night her maid, Anna Lukosco, 18 years old, ran into the room with her dress on fire.

The guests shrieked and Mrs. Mendelson got a blanket, wrapped the girl in it and rolled her on the floor. The flames were smothered, but not before the girl had been badly burned about the face and body. Dr. D. E. Alexander gave first aid treatment and sent the maid to the Knickerbocker Hospital. It is not believed she will recover.

The girl's dress was ignited by a jet on the gas range. Mrs. Mendelson's hand was scorched in her effort to save her.

MEADOWS FIRE KILLS GAME.

Dead Rabbits and Quail Found in Flame Swept Area.

A fire which started yesterday on the Big Piece Meadows, west of Caldwell, N. J., and still burning, has killed game with the game of the region. The bodies of a great many rabbits and quail were found in the burned district.

As the flames entered a portion of woodland the firemen working there were surprised by the appearance of four deer, which ran off to the eastward. It is thought that they escaped from some preserve.

The meadows are 1,000 acres in extent, 200 being wooded land. Already the fire has swept about 175 acres, destroying 300 tons of hay.

LAWYER A SUICIDE IN CLUB.

S. H. Kirkpatrick of Philadelphia Had Suffered From Abscess.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 30.—Samuel H. Kirkpatrick, 49 years old, a prominent attorney, committed suicide to-day in the University Club, of which he was a member. He had been suffering severe pains from an abscess back of his ear and worried over the condition of his wife, who is ill.

Mr. Kirkpatrick entered the clubhouse, paid his bills, remarked that his head was aching him, went to a bathroom, locked the door and opened a towel carrying on the floor. Then stretching himself out full length he rested his head on the towel and fired a bullet into his right temple with a new revolver he is believed to have bought for the purpose.

CLAFLIN TRANSFERS ESTATE.

Echo of Failure in Deed of 200 Acres to Trustees.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., Oct. 30.—A deed of trust from John Claflin to James S. Alexander, Edward Prosser and Lewis L. Clark, as trustees, has been filed with the County Clerk. It conveys the 200 acre estate of Mr. Claflin in Morristown and Morris Township for the uses and purposes set forth in an agreement of trust. This deed was dated September 25 and the consideration is \$100.

The recording of the deed is an echo of the Claflin stores failure. Mr. Claflin, to effect a settlement, has turned over all his property to the trustees.

**NEW HAVEN RECOVERY
SUITS DELAYED**

Full Bench of Massachusetts Supreme Court Will Hear the Case.

Boston, Oct. 30.—Judge Hammond of the Supreme Court today for the consideration of the full bench, on demurrers filed by the defendants, the suit of Ralph S. Bartlett and others, executors of the will of Olea Bull Vaughan, minor stockholders of the New Haven, against William G. Rockefeller and other directors who served from 1904 to 1909. The suit is for the appointment of a receiver or special master for the corporation, with a view to have him begin an action against the directors for money alleged to have been illegally spent in the acquisition of railway and steamship lines.

Judge Hammond first ruled that the bill could not be maintained against the states of J. Pierpont Morgan and other deceased non-resident directors, on the ground that the court had no jurisdiction over them.

Sherman L. Whipple, counsel for the plaintiffs, appealed from that decree, and the question and the others at issue will be passed upon by the full court at the same time. It is expected that the case will be argued before the Supreme Court the latter part of November or early in December.

Mr. Whipple said that the amount which the stockholders sought to have refunded was in excess of \$200,000,000, which is the largest sum stated, the previous amount having been set at \$102,000,000.

AMUSEMENTS.

These New York Leading Theatres Have No Dealings with the Tyson Co.

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SIEGEL TO FACE WHITMAN.

District Attorney Himself Will Handle Prosecution at Trial.

District Attorney Whitman announced yesterday that he would personally conduct the prosecution of Henry Siegel for grand larceny, whose trial is set for November 9 at Genesee, Livingston county. He will be assisted by Arthur C. Train and William Dean Embree of his staff. The preparation of the case has been going on for ten months and accountants have been employed almost continuously on the books of the Siegel stores.

Mr. Train and Mr. Embree will leave for Genesee next Wednesday with the accountants. The books of the firm to be used in the trial fill six large packing cases and weigh two tons.

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